

Los Vaqueros Enlargement

Project	Potential Storage (acre-feet)	Environmental Review completion date
Los Vaqueros Enlargement	400,000	December 2003

Description

Expanding Los Vaqueros reservoir from 100,000 AF to 500,000 AF would provide water quality and water supply reliability benefits to Bay Area water users. Storage in this location could also be integrated into the Environmental Water Account. As an existing reservoir operated by the Contra Costa Water District, the reservoir is subject to a number of mandates and agreements. The Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation will work with the district and interested stakeholders to assure that previous commitments, including local voter approval required for expansion, are respected.

Milestones	Schedule
Complete Feasibility Study.	July 2002
Complete environmental review, documentation and preliminary design on a selected alternative.	December 2003
Finalize agreements with project participants	July 2004
Obtain necessary authorizations and funding (including local voter approval)	December 2004
Begin construction.	December 2005

Agency Roles

Reclamation is the lead federal agency for NEPA compliance as well as co-program manager. DWR, also a co-program manager, will be a co-lead for CEQA compliance. DWR is currently providing funds to Contra Costa Water District to prepare the feasibility study, and they will also be a “responsible agency” for fulfilling CEQA requirements.

Authority

Reclamation is currently participating under the technical assistance authority provided in the Reclamation Act of 1902. However, additional authority will be required from Congress to conduct a feasibility study for the enlargement of Los Vaqueros. DWR’s participation is authorized under the State General Fund.

Budget

	Fiscal Year 01 Actual	Fiscal Year 02 Budget	FY 02 Capability
Federal	\$100,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
State	\$600,000	\$270,000	1,500,000